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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 21, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding objection to the drawings in view of the proposed corrected drawing sheets submitted with this Response, and of the outstanding rejection of the claims in view of the remarks that follow.

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination, and were rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lovett, U.S. Patent No. 5,802,578. In addition, Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings were objected to as not including a legend such as —Prior Art—.

REMARKS

Proposed Drawing Corrections

The Examiner objected to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings on grounds that they were not designated by a legend such as —Prior Art—. Applicants hereby submit proposed corrected drawing sheets 1 and 2 which show in the shaded addition to the designation of Figs. 1 and 2 the legend —Prior Art—. Upon receipt of the Examiner's approval of the proposed drawing correction, Applicants will submit substitute sheets of formal drawings.

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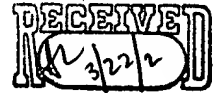


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